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1. The ammunition plant at Pyongchon, west of Pyongyang railroad station, the adjacent ammunition supply warehouses, and the headquarters of a motor unit and an anti-aircraft unit in the vicinity were greatly damaged by UN bombings in August 1950. The ammunition plant and warehouse were evacuated, and the contents were removed to the Byongsung-ni warehouses, which are North Korean People's Army buildings constructed by the Japanese during their occupation. The motor and anti-aircraft units, which suffered twenty percent damage, were moved to the war front.
2. Engineers and workers of the Pyongyang ammunition factory were moved to an ammunition plant in Mukde according to an order of 25 July 1950.
3. During August, no soldiers were observed in the barracks in the Ch'u-ul area of Pyongyang. Few cavalrymen were seen in the city.
4. Anti-aircraft guns in Pyongyang are situated as follows:
 - a. Three behind the transmission station near Sadong (125-48, 39-02), Songyo-ri (sic)*
 - b. Two at Armol Island (125-45-50, 39-02).
 - c. Two at Sok Island, down the Taedong River, in the city.
 - d. Four at Changgyang-san, back of the People's Army command post.
 - e. Three at the water reservoir at Moranpong (sic).
5. No planes have been observed at Songyo-ri Airfield in Pyongyang. Three YAK fighter planes are stationed at Mirim-ni (125-50, 39-02) and are often seen flying over the city. Additional planes (number and type unspecified) are concealed under nets in a dugout east of Mirim-ni field.
6. The personnel of the Soviet embassy in Pyongyang and officials of other satellite countries have moved to the area of the stadium in Kirim-ni, since that has not been attacked by UN planes. Korean refugees from Pyongyang have been moving in increasing numbers to the areas of Sakchu (125-02, 40-24).

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Changsong (125-02, 40-30), and Chungsong (124-24, 39-56), North Pyongan Province.

7. At Kaechon (125-58, 39-40), near the Manpo Railway Line, there is a training center for soldiers newly mobilized in North Korea. Approximately 15,000 trainees receive one month's instruction before being sent to the front lines. Some volunteers from the occupied areas of South Korea are included among the students.
8. At Taedasa-do (124-26, 39-48), approximately eighty large and small cargo ships are in the harbor, including a number of South Korean craft, mostly from Inchon. These vessels are all controlled by the marines and are occupied in transporting war materials from Antung on the Manchurian border to Taedasa-do and thence south. The ships have both Soviet and Chinese engineers from Dairen. Several ships of 1500 and 2000 tons have been seen regularly at Taedasa-do and Yongampo (124-22, 39-56).

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* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to available maps, Sadong is between Pyongyang and Mirim-do while Songyo-ri is a district in southern Pyongyang.

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